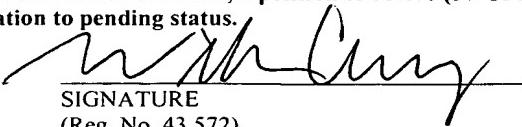


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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/574565</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO<br><b>PCT/JP2004/014576</b>  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>28 September 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED:<br>09 October 2003                           |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>SEAL STRUCTURE OF A FUEL CELL</b>  |  |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>HAYASHI, Tomokazu; WADA, Mikio; MYOJIN, Iwao</b>  |  |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> |  |   |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:   |  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b>International Search Report; Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, Article 34 Amendment and Response to Search Report and Written Opinion, International Preliminary Report on Patentability with amended sheets, marked-up copy of Substitute Specification, cover sheet of published PCT application, Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) (with Power of Attorney), PCT Request</b></li> </ol>  |  |   |

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| 21. The following fees are submitted:   |   |   |                                      |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee.....   |   | \$ 300.00   | \$ 300.00                            |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
| 22 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee<br>If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). .... \$ 100.00  |   |   |                                      |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
| All other situations .....  |   | \$ 200.00   | \$ 200.00                            |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee<br>Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority ..... \$ 100.00  |   |   |                                      |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
| International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office.....  |   | \$ 400.00   | \$ 400.00                            |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
| All other situations .....  |   | \$ 500.00   |                                      |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>  |   |   |                                      |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
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| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).  |   |   |                                      |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.  |   |   |                                      |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
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| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31).   |   |   |                                      |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.<br>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>11-0600</u> in the amount of <u>940.00</u> to over the above fees.<br>A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>11-0600</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.   |   |   |                                      |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.  |   |   |                                      |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:<br>KENYON & KENYON LLP<br>1500 K Street, N.W., Suite 700<br>Washington, DC 20005<br><b>CUSTOMER NO. 23838</b>   |   |   |                                      |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |
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| DATE: 04 April 2006   |   |   |                                      |        |              |              |      |              |        |   |           |                    |         |   |            |   |  |  |            |                                      |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |